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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s):	Yasuhiro OGATA, et al.	Docket No.:	29288.1400
Serial No.:	09/892,926	Filing Date:	June 26, 2001
Group Art Unit:	2616	Confirmation No.:	3852
TITLE:	AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS	Examiner:	Helen Shibru

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As there is not an English translation for Taiwan Application No. 306115, a copy of which is attached to the Taiwanese Office Action enclosed, we have included a copy of the English abstract of Japanese Application No. 06-325940 (Publication No. 08-111823) to which the Taiwanese application is related. Also enclosed are U.S. Patent No. 5,754,258 and U.S. Publication No. 2003-0101452 which both claim priority to Japanese Application No. 06-325940.

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